

The actions by Sinclair Broadcasting are despicable. This is another example of the abuse of their power over the airwaves. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is at least the second time this media group has abused its power during this election for partisan political purposes and forced its local affiliates to comply. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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